

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OF ALASKA  
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Section 63.71 Application of	)	File No.
Unicom, Inc.	)	
	)	
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)	
To Discontinue the Provision of Service	)	

**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF UNICOM, INC.**

Unicom, Inc. (Unicom) respectfully applies for authority under Section 214 (a) of the Communications Act, as amended (“the Act”), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R § 63.71, to discontinue interstate, intrastate and international long distance services in the State of Alaska.

As required by Section 63.71 (a) and (b) of the Commission’s rules, Unicom provides the following information:

**Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R §§ 63.71 (a) (1), (b) (2)):**

Unicom, Inc.  
5450 A Street  
Anchorage, AK 99518

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact:

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Regulatory Analyst  
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5450 A Street  
Anchorage, AK 99518

**Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a) (2), (b) (2)):**

Unicom plans to discontinue the services described above on or after October 1, 2018 subject to Federal Commission and State regulatory approvals and authorization of the discontinuance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c). Unicom currently serves 103 customers and will assist customers in this transition to other carriers. A sample notification letter to Carriers is attached as Exhibit B.

As Unicom explained to its customers in the attached notices, if an end-user customer does not select a new long distance carrier by October 1, 2018, the customer will be placed in “NO PIC” status by default, meaning that the customer’s account is not associated with a preferred long distance provider. The customer will still be able to place interstate and international calls using the carrier of their choice by first dialing the access code of the long distance provider. Customers may select a preferred interexchange carrier after October 1<sup>st</sup>. UUI will waive the carrier change fee once per telephone number for the first six months following this change in service.

**Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a) (3), (b) (2)):**

Unicom will discontinue the services described above in its territory in the State of Alaska.

**Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a) (3), (b) (2)):**

Unicom plans to discontinue residential and business intrastate, interstate and/or international long distance service.

The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this service discountenance because there are still other carriers who are available to provide long distance service in the service area.

**Brief Description of Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(b) (3)):**

Unicom sent notice to all its customers on August 1, 2018 by U.S. Mail. In addition, a notice of discontinuance is also posted on the Unicom website. A sample notification letter to customers is attached as Exhibit A.

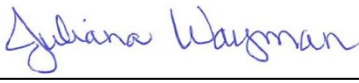
Copies of this Application are being sent, first class U.S. Mail, to the public utilities commission and the governor of Alaska and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(b) (4)):**

Unicom is considered non-dominant with respects to the services being discontinued.

**Conclusion:**

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the services described above given the alternative carrier options available to customers. Unicom respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue interstate, intrastate and international long distance services. Respectfully submitted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day, August 2018.

By: 

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018, by electronic service or by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
701 West Eighth Avenue, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3469

Office of Governor William Walker  
State of Alaska  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

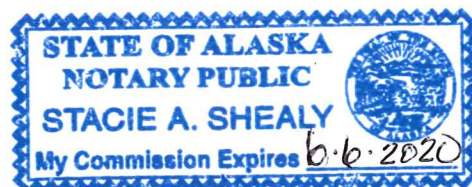
Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

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Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018.

Notary Public: Stacie A. Shealy  
Signature

Commission Expires: 8.1.2018  
Date



**Exhibit A**

**Customer Notification Letter**

August 1, 2018

**URGENT NOTICE in regards to your Unicom Long Distance Service:**  
**Please contact Customer Care at 1-800-478-2020 no later than October 1, 2018**

Dear Customer:

On August 1, 2018, Unicom filed an application to discontinue long distance service with the RCA. Once the review and approval process is complete, all calling plans and calling plan rates will be discontinued.

Please contact UUI Customer Care at 1-800-478-2020 by **October 1, 2018** to select another long distance carrier or to request no long distance (No-PIC[1]).

For more information on long distance calling plans offered by AT&T or GCI please call:

AT&T 1-800-252-7266 (Residential service) or 1-800-955-9556 (Business service)  
GCI 1-800-800-4800 (Residential service) or 1-800-800-7754 (Business service)

If you do not contact us before October 1, 2018, you will automatically default to No-PIC[1], and you will no longer have a long distance plan selected for calls made on or after October 1, 2018.

Unicom has notified the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of its proposed discontinuance of service. The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Unicom, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. It has been a pleasure to serve your long distance needs.

Thank You,

Juliana Wayman  
Unicom, Inc.

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[1] Customers with this default selection lose the benefit of placing long distance calls using their carrier of choice by simply dialing 1+. Instead, the customer is required to dial an additional 7 digit number to connect them to the carrier of their choice before dialing 1+ each time a long distance call is made. UUI will waive the carrier change fee for customers who select "No PIC" if later those customers wish to be assigned an interstate long distance carrier. The waiver of the carrier change fee is available one time per telephone number. The waiver expires for all customers six months after this change is effective.

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**Exhibit B**

**Carrier Notification Letter**





August 1, 2018

[CARRIERS]

**RE: Notice of Filing – Application of Unicom, Inc. to Discontinue Service,  
Cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 470, and  
Withdraw its Tariff**

Dear Carrier:

This letter constitutes notice that Unicom, Inc. (Unicom) is requesting authority to discontinue long distance services in the State of Alaska under its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) No. 470. This change is because Unicom has decided it will no longer provide service and does not intend to provide service in the future. On August 1, 2018, Unicom filed an Application to Discontinue Service; Cancel its certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 470, and Withdraw its Tariff with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission).

You are receiving this notice because you are an interexchange or local exchange carrier, and Unicom is providing this notice to satisfy notification requirements under 3 AAC 52.365.

The discontinuance of service will become effective upon approval of the Application by the Commission. If you have any questions or comments regarding the aforementioned application, please file them in writing to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, 701 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, with a copy to Unicom at the address set forth below:

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Sincerely,

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Unicom, Inc.